

What is claimed is:

1. An imaging system coupled to a computer, comprising:
an imaging system display; and
a driver to operate the display, the driver for receiving a display configuration and displaying a screen representative of the imaging system display configuration on a computer display, the driver resident on the computer.
2. The imaging system of claim 1, wherein the driver comprises a plurality of commands for performing a plurality of operations on the display to change the imaging system display appearance.
3. The imaging system of claim 1, and further comprising:
a configuration program adapted to run on a processor to create imaging system display configurations.
4. The imaging system of claim 3, wherein the command program further comprises:
a graphical user interface to display a representation of the imaging system display on the computer display.
5. A graphical panel for an imaging system, comprising:
a configurable display; and
a command program to control the configurable display, the command program usable to re-configure the display.
6. The graphical panel of claim 5, wherein the command program is loadable on an external processor, the external processor connectable to the display to transmit a display configuration to the display.

7. The graphical panel of claim 5, and further comprising:

a configuration program having a plurality of commands for generating the display configuration, and connectable to the driver to transmit the display configuration to the driver.

8. The graphical panel of claim 7, wherein the configuration program is loadable on an external computer, the external computer connectable to the command program to transmit a display configuration to the command program.

9. The graphical panel of claim 7, wherein the configuration program comprises:

a menu item command;

a font command;

a font size command;

a color command;

a language command; and

a background command;

wherein each of the commands controls a property of the display, and each of the commands is adjustable by a user to the user's preference for each property.

10. A host-based command application, comprising:

a graphical user interface to display a representation of a front panel display for an imaging system;

a command module, the command module adapted to allow re-configuration of the graphical user interface to display a new representation of the front panel display; and

a configuration module to transmit the new representation to an imaging system.

11. The application of claim 10, wherein the configuration module comprises:
a command program adapted to run on a processor to create display configurations.
12. The application of claim 11, wherein the command program further comprises:
a graphical user interface to display a representation of the front panel display on the graphical user interface.
13. The application of claim 10, wherein the host-based application resides on a computer external to an imaging system.
14. The application of claim 10, wherein the host-based application resides on an imaging system.
15. The application of claim 10, wherein the host-based application resides on a personal digital assistant.
16. An imaging system, comprising:
a body;
a controller;
a memory connected to the controller;
a printer mechanism operatively connected to the controller;
a display operatively connected to the controller; and
a communications module connected to the controller, the communications module adapted to receive an external display configuration and to transmit a received display configuration to the controller.

17. The imaging system of claim 16, and further comprising a command program having a plurality of commands for generating the display configuration.

18. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is external to the body.

19. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is loadable on an external computer, the external computer connectable to the communications module to transmit a display configuration to the controller via the communications module.

20. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program comprises:

a menu item command;

a font command;

a font size command;

a color command;

a language command; and

a background command;

wherein each of the commands controls a property of the display, and each of the commands is adjustable by a user to the user's preference for each property.

21. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed via a keypad.

22. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed via voice recognition.

23. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed via a touchpad.

24. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed via a graphical user interface.

25. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed via a magnetic stripe card reader.

26. The imaging system of claim 17, wherein the command program is accessed at a distance from the command program via a wireless access device.

27. The imaging system of claim 26, wherein the wireless access devices is a cellular telephone.

28. An imaging system, comprising:

a controller;

a memory connected to the controller;

a printer mechanism operatively connected to the controller;

a display panel; and

a driver for the display panel, the driver to control the display panel, and to display a control panel display changeable by a user.

29. A method of configuring a display for an imaging system, comprising:

selecting a set of user preferences for the display of the imaging system;

saving the set of user preferences; and

transmitting the set of user preferences to the imaging system.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein selecting a set of user preferences comprises:
- displaying a first graphical representation of the display;
 - selecting a set of display preferences; and
 - displaying a second graphical representation including the selected preferences, the second graphical representation being different from the first graphical representation.
31. The method of claim 29, wherein saving the set of user preferences comprises:
- uniquely identifying the set of user preferences; and
 - storing the set of user preferences in a user preference set database.
32. A machine readable medium comprising a set of instructions for causing a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:
- displaying a first graphical representation of a display for an imaging system;
 - displaying a second graphical representation of the display when a set of user preferences is changed;
 - saving the set of user preferences; and
 - transmitting the set of user preferences to the imaging system.
33. The machine readable medium of claim 32, wherein saving the set of user preferences comprises:
- uniquely identifying the set of user preferences; and
 - storing the set of user preferences in a user preference set database.
34. The machine readable medium of claim 32, wherein transmitting the set of user preferences comprises:

sending a selected set of user preferences to an imaging system via a transmission link.

35. A method of reconfiguring a display for an imaging system, comprising:
storing a plurality of uniquely-identified display configurations in the imaging system;
activating a selected one of the display configurations; and
configuring the display according to the activated display configuration when that display configuration is activated.
36. The method of claim 35, wherein activating a display configuration comprises:
speaking a command to a voice-activated command module on the imaging system.
37. The method of claim 35, wherein activating a display configuration comprises:
transmitting an activation command to the imaging system from an external source.
38. The method of claim 37, wherein transmitting comprises:
sending an infrared signal.
39. The method of claim 37, wherein transmitting comprises:
transmitting from an external computer.
40. The method of claim 37, wherein transmitting comprises:
sending a radio frequency signal.
41. A method of operating an imaging system, comprising:
programming individual user imaging system display preferences remotely to the imaging system;

transferring the individual user preferences to the imaging system; and
operating the imaging system using a display of the individual user imaging system display preferences.

42. A command program for an imaging system, comprising:
means for selecting a set of user preferences for the display;
means for saving the set of user preferences; and
means for transmitting the set of user preferences to the imaging system.
43. The command program of claim 42, wherein the means for selecting a set of user preferences further comprises a command program having a plurality of commands for generating the set of user preferences.
44. The command program of claim 42, wherein the means for selecting a set of user preferences further comprises:
means for displaying a graphical representation of the display;
means for selecting a set of display preferences; and
means for displaying a new graphical representation including the selected preferences.